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April 20, 1992

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Subject: **Remedial Design Workplan  
Arkwood Inc. Superfund Site, Omaha, Arkansas**

Dear Ms. Mescher:

The Department of Justice filed a consent decree on December 17, 1991, in the Federal District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, Harrison Division, for Mass Merchandisers Inc. (now McKesson Service Merchandising Co.) to conduct the Remedial Design and Remedial Action (RD/RA) at the Arkwood Superfund site in Omaha, Arkansas.

Inadvertently, the consent decree was filed with the court without benefit of public notice as required under CERCLA. Upon discovery, the DOJ, filed a supplemental motion requesting that the court delay further action on the consent decree pending the completion of the public notice and comment procedures. On February 4, 1992, the consent decree was published in the Federal Register at Volume 56, No. 23, pages 4217 - 4218. The comment period ended March 11, 1992 and EPA is currently assisting DOJ in responding to comments received from the former shareholders of Mass Merchandisers Inc. and those received from McKesson Corporation.

On March 26, 1992, McKesson Service Merchandising Co. requested additional time to submit a revised Remedial Design Workplan for the Arkwood Superfund Site. The project schedule for remedial design/remedial action at the site, as outlined in the consent decree statement of work, is based upon the lodging date of the consent decree. Since the consent decree was lodged without notice, EPA proposes that the February 4, 1992 Federal Register date serve as the start date for schedule activities.

Because McKesson submitted the original Workplan significantly ahead of schedule,

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EPA will defer the submittal date for the revised Remedial Design Workplan to June 3, 1992.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please feel free to contact us at 214 655-6582.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Ehrhart". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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cc: Bob Barker, McKesson Service Merchandising Co.  
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